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DEFENSE FOR DASD BABIONE, DASD/I&L; M/GEN BOWMAN,
OASD/ISA; AND BASIL, ODDR&E/IP

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UK MARR OTRA MASS
SUBJECT: FIRST LONDON MEETING OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT
RATIONALIZATION COMMITTEE (DERC-4)

REF: (A) LONDON 8574, (B) LONDON 8696, (C) LONDON 6467

1. MOD IS PLANNING ELABORATE ITINERARY FOR FIRST LONDON
HOSTED DERC MEETING. BRITISH INDICATE IMPORTANCE THEY
ATTACH TO VISIT BY ASSIGNING FORMAL HMG HOSPITALITY,
PRINTING OFFICIAL VISIT BROCHURE, ITINERARY, ETC.
MOREOVER SENIOR MOD OFFICIALS HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY
TO CONVEY WELCOME FOR DOD TEAM VISIT.

2. BRITISH EMPHASIZE THAT GIVEN GROWING DISAPPOINTMENT
WITH SLOW PROGRESS ON RECIPROCAL DEFENSE PROCUREMENT
FRONT AND EARLIER HISTORY OF RESISTANCE BY MILITARY
DEPARTMENTS TO THE MOU'S IMPLEMENTING MEMORANDUM
(INVOLVING REJECTION OF UK INDUSTRY BIDDERS ON GROUNDS
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OF NON-DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND
TECHNOLOGY, ETC.), THIS FIRST LONDON DERC IS HIGHLY
IMPORTANT. IMPORTANT NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT COMES ON HEELS
OF SECDEF'S FORCEFUL REITERATION TO MULLEY IN BRUSSELS
THAT THE PRESIDENT'S AND HIS POLICY ON TWO-WAY
STREET/RECIPROCAL PROCUREMENT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BUT
BECAUSE MOD WILL USE DERC MEETING TO CONVEY TO AND

ASSUAGE UK INDUSTRY THAT RECENT OBSTACLES TO UK BIDDERS
STEMMING FROM REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE AND ALLOW TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER WILL BE REDUCED TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

3. MULLEY TOLD POL-MIL ATTACHE THAT HE AND HIS COL-
LEAGUES ARE MOST HEARTENED BY PRESIDENT'S SUMMIT STATE-
MENT ON TWO-WAY STREET AND SPECIFICALLY BY SECDEF'S
DETERMINATION "TO TAKE COMMAND" OF ISSUE WHICH LED TO
REVISED IMPLEMENTING MEMORANDUM. ALSO, SINCE THIS
"FORWARD STEP" FELL INTO PLACE AFTER UK NIMROD DECISION,
MOD OFFICIALS SEE IT AS VERY ENCOURAGING EVIDENCE THAT
DOD IS ABOVE LETTING SUCH A MAJOR DISAPPOINTMENT AS THE
UK'S NIMROD DECISION SPILL OVER INTO OTHER AREAS OF THE
BILATERAL DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP.

4. GIVEN THESE BACKGROUND FACTORS AND CONSIDERATIONS--
AND FACT THAT OCCASION FOR DERC-4 INVOLVES HIGH
VISIBILITY WITH UK INDUSTRY, PARLIAMENT AND PROBABLY
PRESS--RECOMMEND POL-MIL ATTACHE BE AUTHORIZED TO HOST
A RECIPROCAL SOCIAL EVENT FOR SENIOR WHITEHALL OFFICIALS
IN HONOR OF FIRST LONDON DERC MEETING. IF DOD CONCURS,
WE PLAN TO INVITE FOLLOWING SENIOR MOD OFFICIALS:
MULLEY, GILBERT, DUFFY, BROWN, WELLBELOVED, BONDI,
CORNFORD, GREEN, ELLIS, ANDERSON, ROBERTS, MACDONALD
TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER 12 SOMEWHAT LESSER MOD OFFICIALS
ON THE UK'S LIST FOR OFFICIAL RECEPTION AND MOBERLY,
WILBERFORCE, PALMER OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT, FCO, AND

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EDMONDS AND MELHUISE OF NORTH AMERICA DEPARTMENT.
INCLUDING US DELEGATION AND LOCAL US OFFICIALS, PROPOSED
GUESTLIST WILL BE FOR ABOUT 30 BRITISH AND 20 US GUESTS
(EXCLUDING WIVES).

5. MOD WILL PROVIDE CAR TRANSPORTATION FOR ACTIVITIES
DURING OFFICIAL VISIT BUT EXPECT US SIDE TO PROVIDE OWN
TRANSPORTATION FOR ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE, AND FOR TRANSPORT
TO AND FROM MOD. EMBASSY AND DAO REGRET UNAVAILABILITY
OF CARS UNLESS FUND CITATION IS PROVIDED FOR HIRE.

6. PLEASE CONFIRM IF HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS FOLLOWS
REFLECT NEEDS: 11 JUNE, SINGLE FOR CLEMENTS, DOUBLES
FOR WILLIAMSON, KING AND TRIPLE FOR GORDON; 12 JUNE
SINGLES FOR BABIONE, BOWMAN, BASIL, TROSCHE.
WHAT ABOUT MANEKOFSKY AND MOED? DEPARTURES ARE UNDER-
STOOD TO BE AS FOLLOWS: 17 JUNE, BABIONE, BOWMAN,
BASIL, TROSCHE AND 18 JUNE, CLEMENTS, KING, WILLIAMSON,
GORDON, MANEKOFSKY.

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7. MOD INFORMS US THAT THEY EXPECT US TO PICK UP RAIL
FARE COSTS FOR DELEGATION VISITS TO FEVENAGE, CHAL-
GROAVE, HIGH DENHAM, CROWLEY, MANCHESTER, ETC. EMBASSY
REQUIRES FUND CITATION TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: DECISION NLT 30 MAY CONCERNING
(A) SOCIAL FUNCTION (PARA 4) TO MEET UK PROGRAM PUBLICA-
TION DEADLINE AND TO MAKE INVITATIONS; (B) TRANSPORTA-
TION (PARA 5) TO ENABLE MOD TO COMPLETE SCENARIO FOR
PUBLICATION; (C) HOTEL REQUIREMENTS, ARRIVALS AND
DEPARTURES, ETC. (PARA 6); (D) RAIL TRANSPORT (PARA 7);
AND (E) FINALLY, MOD WANTS LIST OF US DELEGATION IN
RANK ORDER FOR PROTOCOL.

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